

## REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 17-22 are cancelled and claims 23-24 are added.

## ELECTION

The Examiner's requested that a restriction be made to one of the following inventions set forth in (1) claims 12-16 directed to a sealing system, and (2) claims 17-22 directed to a support member.

Applicants elect claims 12-16 directed to a sealing system, together with claims 23-24, likewise directed to a sealing system, for further prosecution on merits.

An early Action on merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

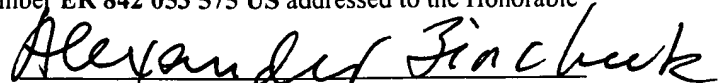


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